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1. SUMMARY: DURING U SECURITY COUNCIL (UNSC) DEBATE AUGUST 11 ON MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF THE TWO VIETNAMS, THE US VETOED THE ADMISSION OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. VOTES ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS WERE 13-1(US) -1 (COSTA RICA). TWENTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES SPOKE. MAJORITY OF SPEAKERS APPLAUDED THE VIETNAMS AND THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, WHILE CRITIZING US POLICY. FRANCE, SWEDEN, ITALY AND THE UK IN VARYING DEGREES REGRETTEED UNSC'S EARLIER DECISION TO DROP SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION. US AND COSTA RICA IN EXPLAINING VOTES DEPLORED UNSC'S ELIMINATION OF SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FROM AGENDA AND STRESSED NEED FOR IMPARTIAL APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING AM AND PM UNSC MEETINGS AUGUST 11, 27 COUNTRIES ADDRESSED SUBJECT OF THE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS OF NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM. IN ADDITION TO UNSC MEMBERS, SPEAKERS INCLUDED YUGOSLAVIA, GDR, ROMANIA, INDIA, HUNGARY, POLAND, SOMALIA, CUBA, GUINEA, ALGERIA, BULGARIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. NONALIGNED AND COMMUNIST SPEAKERS WERE VEHEMENT IN APPLAUSE OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THE TWO VIETNAMS. MANY ATTACKED US POLICIES IN VIETNAM AND USE OF THE VETO. SWEDEN, FRANCE AND ITALY (TO A DEGREE) SUPPORTED PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY AND REGRETTEED THE UNSC'S EARLIER ACTION TO DROP SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FROM THE AGENDA. ALL THREE WELCOMED THE VIETNAMS. THE UK SAID THOUGHTFULLY THAT ADMISSION OF A NEW MEMBER IS USUALLY ONE OF THE "HAPPIEST EVENTS" BUT THIS ONE IS "TARNISHED". UK IN REVIEWING ARGUMENTS AGAINST INCLUSION ON AGENDA OF SOUTH KOREA'S APPLICATION FOUND REASONING SOMEWHAT SURPRISING AND UNCONVINCING". THE UK TOOK PARTICULAR

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NOTE OF BYELORUSSIA'S REFERENCE TO SOUTH KOREA AS "NONINDEPENDENT STATE" AND SAID IT HAD HEARD BYELORUSSIA'S WORDS ON THIS WITH SPECIAL INTEREST. UK, WHILE NOT OPPOSING ADMISSION OF VIETNAMS, SAID THAT AFFIRMATIVE UK VOTES FOR THEIR ENTRY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS CONDONING UNSC'S PREVIOUS ACTION TO EXCLUDE SOUTH KOREA FROM AGENDA. IN EXPLAINING VOTE, COSTA RICA, WHICH ABSTAINED, STRESSED THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY SHOULD NOT BE APPLIED TO ALL. IT CONSIDERED

THE UNSC'S ACTION TO REMOVE SOUTH KOREA FROM THE AGENDA TO HAVE REFLECTED PARTIALITY AND DISCRIMINATION. AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S EXPLANATION OF OUR FIRST VETOS OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS (REFTEL) REEMPHASIZED OUR SUPPORT FOR UNIVERSALITY AND EVENHANDEDNESS IN THE APPLICATION OF THIS PRINCIPLE.

3. COMMENT: THE NONALIGNED: GUYANA, TANZANIA, ALGERIA, YUGOSLAVIA, IN PARTICULAR, WERE CRITICAL OF US POLICY. JUDGING, FOR INSTANCE, FROM ALGERIA'S REMARKS THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND THE "EXACT MEANING" OF THE "US MANEUVER"--"WHAT DOES THE US 'PACKAGE DEAL' CONCEAL"?, IT IS PREDICABLE THAT THE ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAM WILL REMAIN LIVELY AT FORTHCOMING UN MEETINGS. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALGERIA HOPED THAT "THE UNGA" WOULD ACT TO BRING ABOUT THE ADMISSION OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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